



LOGOS NEWS

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Out Grown It Sale

October 21, from 10:00-4:00 we will be hosting an I've Outgrown It Sale in conjunction with Shop Till You Drop at Westboro Elementary. Want to be a vendor? Tables are available to rent for \$30 each or \$50 for two. If you have items to donate or you have time to commit to helping out, please contact our fundraising co-ordinator Jennifer Wolfe: fundraising@elkislandlogos.ca

Halloween Alternative

We are happy to be able to send all K-4 students to All Stars Indoor Playland in Edmonton to enjoy a variety of activities, everything from a huge play structure to quiet areas with lego and colouring! Grades 5 & 6 will enjoy swimming at the Meadows Rec. Centre. Students will be bussed in the afternoon, after lunch. Please watch your child's backpack for more information, and sign up on the field trip form if you'd like to volunteer! Email Brooke Hartum for more information: vicepresident@elkislandlogos.ca

Trustee Candidates Speak Up

We asked the four Sherwood Park School Board Trustee Candidates to share their thoughts & feelings about the Logos Program. Here's what they had to say:

Trina Boymook

My oldest son started kindergarten at Brentwood the very first year that LOGOS was first introduced. It initially started with K-3 at Brentwood, with 4-6 being at Westboro. The interest in the program grew to the point that the decision of the Board of the day was to expand it to be K-6 at both Brentwood and Westboro. My experience with the LOGOS during my 9 years at Brentwood was a positive one. The LOGOS Society during that time was committed to working collaboratively with the school council to build school spirit for the whole school. Although the primary focus was to support Christian learning it always saw a responsibility to support the school as a whole. Over the last four years, I have served Westboro as its Board Liaison. At each school council meeting a member of the LOGOS Society provide its report and what warms my heart is that the LOGOS Society is still working collaboratively with school council and still has a focus on building school spirit for the whole school community. Since LOGOS first started in 1998 the program continues to have strong enrolment. As students transition from Grade 6, enrolment shows that students and their families are choosing to continue with the LOGOS program for junior high. This really speaks to the program meeting family expectations and the strength of the program itself. It was thought that the enrolment would be impacted when SCA increased its capacity by opening Strathcona Christian Academy Elementary, but this wasn't the case. The strong enrolment levels at both LOGOS elementary schools and at SCA demonstrates that we are meeting the needs of our community and there is a strong interest in Christian education. I believe strongly in program of choice and I'm very proud of the diverse opportunities that EIPS provides its students.

Trina Boymook.

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Don Irwin

Thank you for the opportunity to provide my thoughts regarding the Logos Program. As the founder and principal of two Christian schools for 21 years, I fully support alternative and Christian education and the Logos program. It is most important that parents, as their child's primary educator, be able to provide education from their faith beliefs and practices. As stated in your Purpose Statement – "Our children's learning environment will enhance their understanding of God's love" which is very true and important to me as a Christian as well as Christian parents. Further in your Purpose Statement you state that "Our schools and communities will be positively impacted by the presence of the Logos program" which I believe is true and I fully support. It is important to me that the Logos Program as stated in the Christian Learning Environment on your website "provides instruction that follows the Alberta Program of Studies, within a Christian context". A Christian school needs to follow the Provincial program of studies so students can move onto further education. Further in this section, it states that "Integrating a Christian perspective into instruction delivery" which I fully support as a Christian parent and grandparent of three students in a public Christian school in Sherwood Park. I believe that the support that you provide to "teachers and administrators – prayer, fundraising, and volunteer work" (and hopefully school trustees) makes for a stronger and more rounded education for students and families, and benefits the whole community. I appreciate the opportunity to share my beliefs and thoughts on the Logos program and want to re-emphasize that I fully support the Logos program and Society and hopefully can, as a School Trustee provide you with support from my life and professional experiences. Since mid-May, I have visited over 3,800 homes to hear from Sherwood Park residents on the issues important to them in education. I would like to hear from you as well so please visit my website www.donirwin.ca or visit me on Facebook at Don Irwin for School Trustee.

Don Irwin.



Membership Forms

You should have already received your membership form in your child's backpack. In order for us to cover costs for chapels and special events we need your support. Membership is only \$20 per family each year. It's never too late to complete the form and send it in. Please visit our website for more information.

Apple Fundraiser

A **big thank you** to all that helped out with our annual Apple Fundraiser! Thank you for your support. We hope you enjoyed the crisp and delicious apples from Davison Orchards.

Reach for the Heights

Sherwood Heights teachers, students & parents were blessed by joining together at our Junior High School to welcome in the new school year with prayer around the flagpole. Thank you teachers for continuing this tradition! Students are interested in raising funds to serve at the Mustard Seed this year. Watch for more details to come!

Annette Hubick

The Logos program is an excellent example of how a public school board can serve its community by offering program choices that meet the needs of students and their families. As someone who attended French immersion schools from K-12, I am grateful that opportunities like these exist. Of course, there must be a critical mass of participants in such programs to make them viable and sustainable—from what I've learned, the Logos program is popular and thriving. The success of alternative programs is often predicated on a heightened level of parental involvement and support, and I commend "Logos parents" for your commitment. Annette Hubick.

Matthew King

I believe that parents ought to have access to choices in education which reflect their values and principles. My wife and I are happy to have our daughter attend the Logos program at Brentwood Elementary. It is good to know that the teacher she spends time with has similar beliefs and values to our own. We are glad that she can pray with her classmates and be exposed to Bible lessons and verses. My wife has volunteered in the classroom and we have been impressed with the teachers and the teaching assistants who work with our students. The Logos program would not exist in our schools without the dedication of the Logos Society, the cooperation of our school administrators, and support of trustees who are in favour of such programs. The ability of Logos students to participate in chapel services with students throughout the school and in combination with other schools lets them know that they are part of a larger Christian community. I am glad that our teachers are free to approach subjects from a Christian perspective consistent with Biblical beliefs. It is my hope that as a parent, and as a potential trustee, that we will continue to see the

Logos program in our schools, and see it spread to other schools as demand dictates. Allowing students to participate in faith based education and to build friendships with other Christians will help instil confidence and conviction in their beliefs as they move on to high school and university.

Matthew King.

